

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of
Burbank et al.

) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

For: DOPPLER DIRECTED SUTURE
LIGATION DEVICE AND METHOD

Serial No.: Not assigned

Filed: Concurrently

Atty. Docket No.: R0368.01001

**REQUEST FOR FILING A
CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(b)**

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Mailed on September 18, 2003

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of copending prior application Serial No. 09/909,124, filed July 17, 2001, of Fred H. Burbank et al., for DOPPLER DIRECTED SUTURE LIGATION DEVICE AND METHOD, which is continuation-in-part of then copending application Serial No. 09/713,020, filed November 16, 2000, all of which are incorporated herein in its entirety.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application as filed, including the specification (including claims), drawings, oath or declaration showing the signature or an indication it was signed, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application.
2. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above. With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):
/ X / the same as those named in the prior application.



☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

3. ☒ The filing fees are to be calculated on the claims as filed in the prior application and the claims remaining as a result of the:

☐ amendment below;

☒ attached Preliminary Amendment.

Description	Fee Code	Claims	Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Filing Fee	2006				\$375
Independent Claims	2201	5 - 3=	2 x	\$42=	84
Total Claims	2202	15 - 20=	x	\$9=	

Total Filing Fee.....\$459

4. Payment of Filing Fees:

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Attorney Docket No. R0368.01001. **A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.**

5. The prior application is assigned of record to:

Vascular Control Systems, Inc.

6. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **Edward J. Lynch.**

☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

☒ A Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers is enclosed.

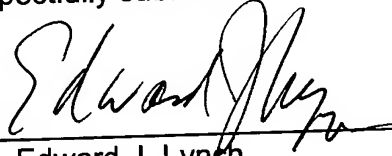
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8. Documents enclosed:

- /X/ Copy of prior complete application as filed including: specification including Description and cover page (27 pages), Claims (4 pages), Abstract (1 page); formal drawings (17 sheets); signed Declaration And Power Of Attorney (3 pages).
- /X/ Copy of signed Assignment (2 pages) and form PTO-1595 (1 page) and Notice Of Recordation Of Assignment document dated June 17, 2002 as filed in the prior application and.
- /X/ Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement.
- /X/ Form PTO-1449.
- /X/ Change Of Correspondence Address.
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